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TO PRACTICE OF HOLLAND TOWER DISK DUPLICATION SYSTEM
FROM 10 JUNE 1999**

I, Umberto Cottone, declare and state:

1. I am the president of Alan Systems, Inc., a company that develops and markets disk recording technology for multi-drive, compact disk recording systems. My experience with robotic disk duplication systems enables me to understand the operation of such systems when demonstrated.
2. I attended the OBIT international trade show held in Hannover, Germany on March 14-20, 1999.
3. At the trade show I met with David Miller from CopyPro, Inc., a company that had a booth at the trade show for display and demonstration of disk

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copying equipment.

4. Mr. Miller showed me the CopyPro CD Duplicator System at the trade show and demonstrated its operation.

5. The CopyPro CD Duplicator System shown and demonstrated to me at the trade show was a desktop unit with multiple disk spindles and with multiple CD recorder drives. The unit had a vertically moving disk pickhead on a rotating tower. The rotating tower allowed selective picking of a disk from the extended disk tray of any one of the stacked disk drives or from the disk spindles in the radius of the pickhead. The picked disk could then be transported to any other spindle or extended tray in the radius of the pickhead. The unit shown and demonstrated to me at the CeBIT trade show is depicted in the flyer entitled "CopyPro CD-R 4000" attached to this declaration as Exhibit A.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the referenced application of David Miller or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: MARCH 18, 2002


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